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Applicant : Swift et al.

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Serial No. : 10/815,967

Examiner : Robinson, Mark A.

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Title : MICROSCOPE WITH ADJUSTABLE STAGE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed August 3, 2005, applicant elects Invention I including claims 1 and 8.

Notwithstanding the above election, the applicant respectfully traverses the restriction. In particular, the applicant submits that Invention II is not distinct from Invention I. The Examiner states that Invention II as set forth in claim 2 is drawn to a microscopce with the specifics of the secondary stage height adjuster and releasable stage. The applicant points out that a microscope with a secondary stage height adjuster and a releasable stage is recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Invention I should also include claim 2.

Second, the Examiner states that Invention IV as set forth in claims 6 and 7 is drawn to a microscope with specifics of the secondary stage height adjuster and light source. The applicant points out that a microscope with a secondary stage height adjuster and a light source [referred to as an "illuminator" in the 6<sup>th</sup> limitation] is recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Invention I should also include claims 6 and 7.

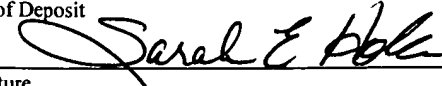
Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Invention I include at least claims 1, 2 and 6-8.

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If the Examiner agrees with the applicant's submissions, then the applicant hereby withdraws claims 3-5 and 9-23. If the Examiner disagrees with the applicant's submissions, then the applicant hereby withdraws claims 2-7 and 9-23.

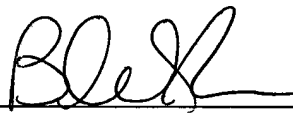
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